

Dear Mr. Beiro,

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I do appreciate your letter suggesting an appearance on WDAE very much.

However, I also have some limitations. I am in what is called a post-phelbitic condition, my activities are more limited and will be, and if I am going to stay up to what for me for the first time in 50 years is a late hour I'll have to take a nap that day. For years I went on practically no sleep. Now I have had to change. (I'm almost 63.)

Whether you realize it or not all the people you mention have done no real work of their own except for poor Penn, who has flipped and in my view has been paranoid for years. I would not consider getting into a confrontation over them a ~~very~~ useful way to spend my time when I can't keep up with what I must do.

I would be willing to do what could be constructive, discuss the original work I've done, particularly the two newest books. I am sure that despite the extent to which they have been ripped off they will be new to most of WDAE's audience.

Unlike the <sup>you mention,</sup> others, I have no independent means, no publisher sending me around and no malpractice business to advertise. Nor am I being booked on lectures, although I do make them. ~~But~~ Nor will I cast myself in the role of a showman merely entertaining on so serious a subject.

I make make broadcasts by phone. When I do, because my works are not on commercial sale or in normal distribution channels, I ask that the station tell the audience how the books discussed can be obtained and the cost. In two years not one had failed to do this. But if one does it becomes a ~~futility~~ for me and for the audience, so although not one of more than several hundred stations, including those with clear channels, has refused, I do make this a precondition. Otherwise I'm better off continuing the work for which I have insufficient time.

In addition, I do not theorize. Few people have done solid work so they have no real choice. I deal in fact, fact I have obtained largely by going to court and forcing the government to give me what has been suppressed. All the wild theorizing confuses the people, rips of their minds, and I will not do that. What I will do is a ~~straight~~, factual show.

I hope that you and Mr. Major can understand this and that when I am writing and suing the government all the time without any subsidy and no regular income I and now have this illness, I'm willing, but I'm not willing to engaged in frivolities. This is in no sense even an indirect charge against Mr. Major. It is merely that while I feel the obligation to inform and do as much as I can, I also will not do what I regard as irresponsible today. People who conduct shows, if they prepare themselves, stay busy and have no way of ~~fixing~~ following a subject like this closely. Often they become conditioned by their guests. And their guests most often know nothing except how to promote themselves. Those doing serious, solid work are very few. Not that you'd know it from what they say.

I'm quite willing. I can't afford to call Mr. Major. As I say, I have no regular income. The coming week I have to be away Friday. As of now I have no other certainty of being away until the middle of March. I enclose flyers on the last two books in the event you think they might interest Mr. Major. They will also indicate the origin of much that others pretend is their work. Thanks and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg